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- Who:** Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Baton Rouge
- What:** Recognition ceremony for individuals responsible for cleanup activities at the North Boulevard expansion project.
- When:** Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006
10:00 a.m.
- Where:** 1700 North Boulevard (parking lot of Jehovah Jireh Ministries)-corner of 17th Street
- Why:** The cleanup was funded by an EPA USTfields initiative grant. It resulted in the removal of more than 1,170 cubic yards of soil and 22 underground storage tanks from the area. The historic North Boulevard corridor had been lined with some of the first gasoline stations and auto repair facilities in Baton Rouge.

The city's plan for the newly cleaned area includes enhancing its surface street grid. The \$11.9 million project includes widening North Boulevard from 10th St. to 19th St. and elevating part of the boulevard so traffic can travel over the railroad tracks. This improvement will help reduce surface street traffic in Mid-City, alleviate interstate congestion and provide travel relief to those who work in and around the downtown.

- Directions:** Due to road closures from construction of the North Boulevard expansion, we have provided driving directions to the event.

From downtown Baton Rouge-

- Travel (east) on Florida Blvd.
- Turn right onto North 19th St. (Cintas is on the corner)
- Cross North Boulevard, proceed one block and turn right on America St.
- Proceed two blocks and turn right on Brice St. (please note that Brice St. is a one-way, but is closed before block ends so this should not be a problem.)
- Arrive at 1700 North Boulevard (the parking lot of Jehovah Jireh Ministries which will be on the left, you will see a large tent)

